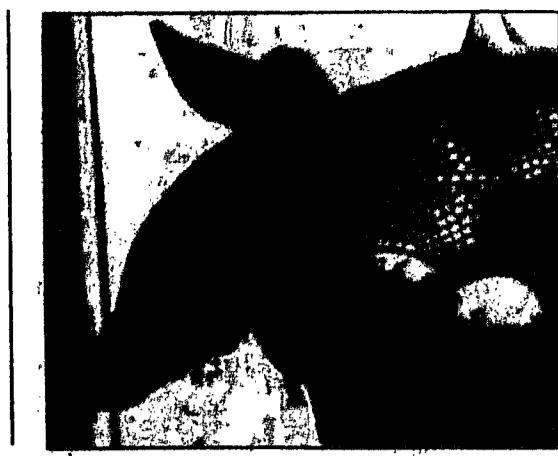




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Waveland Little League Parade

The Waveland Little League Parade and all-day tournament kicks off this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the field at the corner of Central and Waveland avenues. Single-elimination tournament action begins at 10:30 a.m.

VFW Ladies sell po-boys Friday

VFW Ladies Auxiliary 3253 will have a roast beef po-boy sale this Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the post home at 208 Third Street in Bay St. Louis. Call 467-9184.

Eat ... and help to clean the Bay

The Bay Chapter Coastal Conservation Association will present a banquet today beginning at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center in Bay St. Louis. Catering by Trapani's Eatery. The event will also include door prizes, auctions and beverages. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$45 per couple. For tickets, call Glenn at Pelican Cove Marina, 452-7390.

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Even the Easter Bunny got into the act Saturday at the first annual Paws on Parade celebration in downtown Bay St. Louis. The event raised more than \$500 for the Waveland Animal Shelter.



Cochran conducts U.S. Senate subcommittee hearing in Bay

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

For once, there was a U.S. Senate subcommittee hearing not involving Monica Lewinsky – and it happened in Bay St. Louis.

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-MS, on Tuesday chaired a hearing of the senate's Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations

Subcommittee at Bay-Waveland Middle School.

Cochran said the hearing served as a forum to discuss the importance of continued support for the National Writing Project, a national network of university-based teacher training programs designed to improve the teaching of writing in America's classrooms.

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"The National Writing Project operates on a teachers-teaching teachers professional development model," according to a statement issued by Cochran's administrative staff before Tuesday's hearing. "Teachers who have used successful methods for teaching writing with measured results

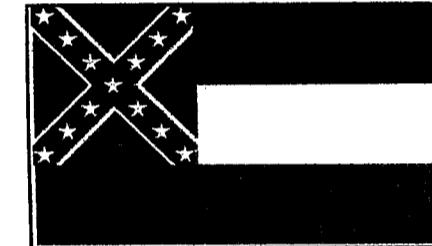


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Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Hancock flag vote turn-out rivals election for president

County opts to keep old flag by 85 percent



About 65 percent of the state voted Tuesday to keep the 1894 Mississippi state flag. In Hancock County, the vote was 9,949 against Proposition B to change the flag, and 1,764 for the measure.

ECHO STAFF REPORT
The people of Mississippi spoke out at the polls on Tuesday, with an overwhelming majority – about two out of three voters – expressing the desire to keep the current state flag. In Hancock County, about 85 percent of the voters voted to keep the 1894 flag as the official state banner.

"We voted as many people for the flag issue as we did for the president of the United States," said Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler. "It was a high turnout."

But though there was a high turnout of voters, not many of the voters that we contacted wanted to comment officially on their view of the outcome. One who did, Chairman of the Associate Studies Department

at St. Stanislaus Myron Labat Sr., said he was surprised and disappointed that the new flag was defeated by such a wide margin of votes.

"As an African-American, I had hopes for a closer vote," said Labat. "I am disappointed in the outcome ... I had hopes that the state would be ready to move forward and put its troubled past in the past ... I still have hopes. We have made

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Bayou Caddy casino still work in progress

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Washington State Gaming Commission has recently licensed Phoenix Leisure to operate three mini-casinos in that state and company officials say they may soon be able to predict when they might begin casino development in Hancock County.

Cliff McCarlie, project manager for the Paradise Bay

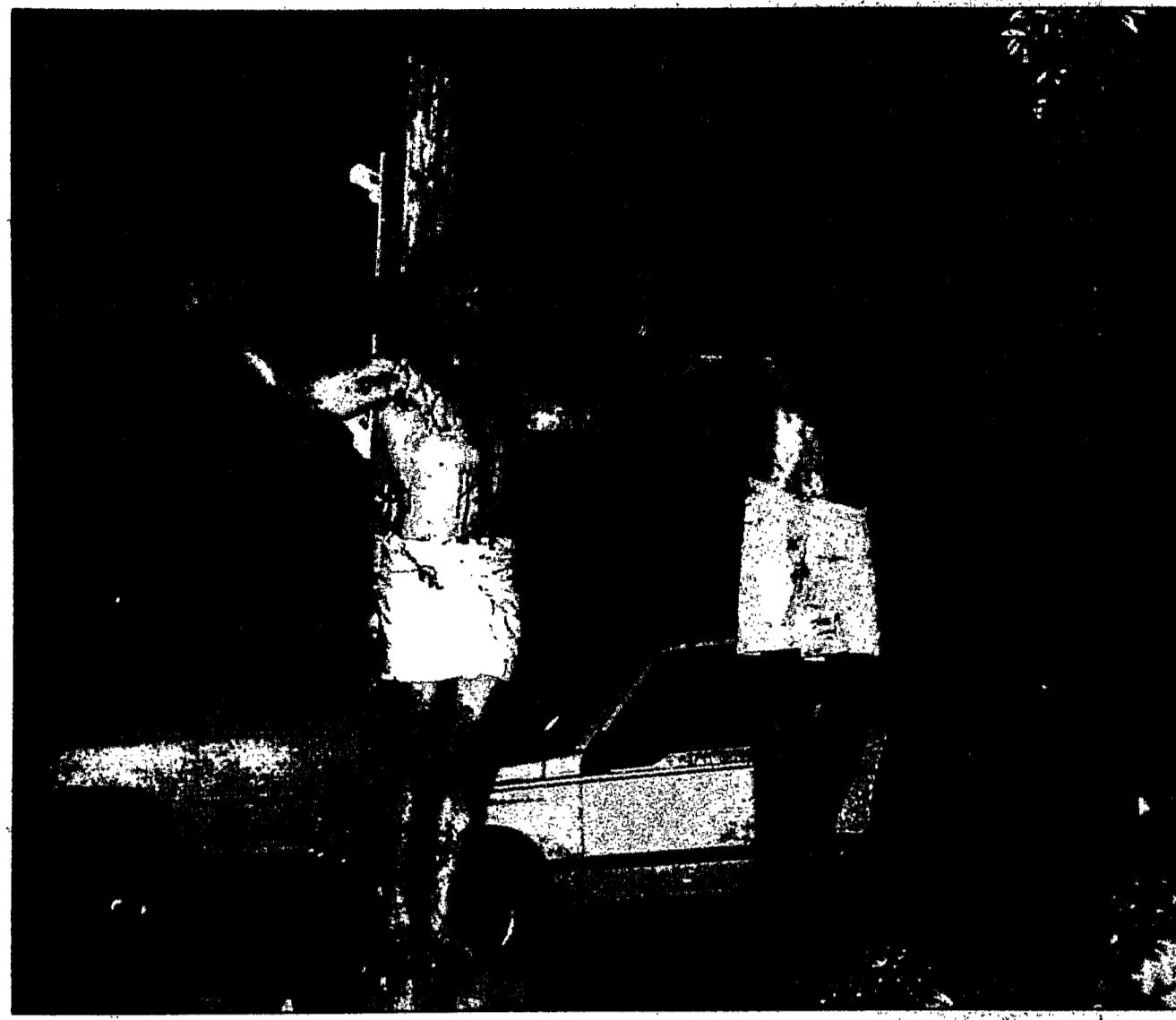
Casino planned at Bayou Caddy, came to an April 2 meeting of the board of supervisors, and briefed them on the firm's financial condition.

"Our licensing is now in place," said McCarlie, "And it should greatly increase our cash flow."

He told supervisors the Nevada-based firm still intends

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Second Saturday



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher
The Second Saturday Artwalk in downtown Bay St. Louis brought in a record opening season crowd Saturday night, and many of the visitors were treated to a unique experience - a dramatic presentation of the Crucifixion of Christ at First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis. The church congregation presented the play on both Friday and Saturday nights, complete with dramatic special effects.



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher
Also on Second Saturday, the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse presented its first annual CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate Program) Light of Hope candlelight vigil and commemoration to remember victims of child abuse. CASA also honored Hancock County Youth Court Judge Robin Gibson for her efforts to help children living in abusive or neglectful circumstances.

Casino Magic, Hancock High School schedule community blood drives

Hancock County blood donors will have two opportunities to give the gift of life this spring. Both blood drives are open to the public, and donors will receive a free t-shirt as a thank-you for showing that you care enough to give blood.

Thursday, April 26 - Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Complex

Friday, May 4 - Hancock High School, 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the cafeteria area sponsored by the SADD students.

Blood supplies in the Gulf Coast region have dipped to less than a one-day supply of types O negative, 0 positive, B negative

and B positive. The American Red Cross tries to maintain a three-day supply of all types to be prepared for emergencies such as serious traffic accidents, natural disasters or patients who suddenly and unexpectedly require large amounts of blood.

While about 60% of the population can give blood, only about 4% of the residents along the

Gulf Coast do give blood. Blood donations must increase to keep pace with the demand, and blood drives in our community are more important than ever before.

The American Red Cross is encouraging blood donors to support their local drives by bringing a friend along to give or asking someone who has

never given blood to try donating. Donors are also being asked to consider increasing the number of times they give blood each year since most blood donors only give once a year.

A person can safely give blood every 56 days, allowing

blood supply along the Coast to be a thing of the past if most people would just increase the frequency of their donations by one or two times a year.

Every pint donated can help save as many as three lives.

Eligible donors should be healthy, 17 years old or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and have not donated blood in the

past 56 days. For more information on giving blood or becoming a Red Cross volunteer, call the Red Cross at 1-888-432-5663.

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It is our plan to begin work on this project on Tuesday, April 24, 2001. We realize that this work will cause some inconvenience for the local residents and we apologize for this in advance. The work will be performed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. We ask that motorists be patient and drive with caution through the construction area ... both for their safety and for the safety of our employees.
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Bay council revisits historic preservation ordinance idea

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis city officials agreed Tuesday to resurrect a three-year-old historic preservation ordinance proposal and give it a fresh look.

Two members of the five-member council, in fact, have never looked at the document at all. They were elected to fill vacancies on council long after the historic preservation matter was an active matter of discussion.

"I suggest we put it back on track and set a public hearing ...," Mayor Eddie Favre said of the proposal. "Let's just get the ball rolling."

Ward 4 council member Tad Black, who's running against Favre in the May 1 Democratic Primary for mayor, said council should set a workshop instead of a public hearing. That way, council can re-familiarize itself with the document, Black said.

Favre said he didn't mind having a workshop format initially, as long as council gets back to work on the preservation matter.

Council member-at-large William Taylor and Ward 1 council member Doug Seal both said they've never seen the proposal, which appeared, briefly, in draft form in 1998.

Council agreed to set a workshop with local preservationist Charles Gray and other members of the 12-person panel, which devised the document through a series of meetings that began almost four years ago.

One key reason the proposal has laid on the shelf so long is that officials couldn't formally adopt such an ordinance until the city adopted a comprehensive plan for future development in the city. That was done last year, after a decade of discussion over its details.

Gray, who serves as historian for the Hancock County Historical Society, was elated Wednesday at the news that the proposed ordinance is back up for discussion. "I don't believe it! It thrills me. I'm just delighted," he said, noting that his panel worked for more than a year to

put the proposal together.

Having lived in New Orleans for some 30 years, Gray said he was all too familiar with how "strangling" historic preservation ordinances can be. This one, he said, was written with the rights of property owners of prime importance, but insuring that the public's interests are maintained as well.

In large measure, the proposed ordinance is fashioned after regulations in Natchez, with some modifications as suggested by the state Department of Archives and History.

Lack of local control over the fate of historic structures and sites in Bay St. Louis has been a big concern of many for years. There are more than 500 structures in town listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Gray's panel, which was appointed by the mayor and council members, is calling for enactment of a major set of new regulations. Most of the provisions have passed legal challenges elsewhere in the state, however.

Under the suggested ordinance, a commission would ask City Council to designate certain areas of the city as historic, based on specific inventories of properties that would be included in the districts.

Once designated as an historic property, an extra layer of protection would be in effect: No exterior alterations would be allowed, or relocation or demolition, unless the commission had voted to allow it.

In addition, the commission would have say over the design of new construction within the districts.

Alterations of existing historic structures would have to be compatible with the original structure, the proposal states.

And proposed demolitions would be under the commission's scrutiny too.

The commission would consider the individual significance of the structure, its contribution to the architectural character of the district and neighboring property values, and the difficulty or impossibility of repro-

ducing specific designs, materials or details.

The applicant for a demolition also would have to get approval of plans for what would replace the missing structure.

Another major feature of the proposed ordinance is the prohibition against "demolition by neglect," when buildings literally fall down due to lack of care by the owners. If the commission found such a case, it could force repairs to begin within 30 days. Some provisions are made to allow for demolitions in cases where structures are deemed a public hazard, and are too far deteriorated to repair or restore, however.

Gray said Wednesday that while the proposed ordinance has lingered in limbo, the city has seen some significant losses. One historic home on State Street, behind the First Baptist Church, has fallen into such disrepair that it must be demolished, Gray said.

"It's just rotten. The foundation has fallen in ... There's nothing salvageable. It's just one of the saddest things I've ever seen. It's totally lost to us."

Gray said the church had tried for several years to buy the house and save it. Now that the church finally owns it, he said, it's too late.

Gray said if the commission were in place, its members could keep track of such situations, and hopefully intervene before lack of maintenance causes demolition.

"We're a thriving city," he said, "growing by leaps and bounds. This city is the best kept secret in the United States." And residents should be cautious not to accept all "progress" as beneficial, whether it's clearing a site for a new building, or the inappropriate design of a new structure.

Gray said the proposed ordinance would open doors to property owners who would benefit from preservation or construction design suggestions.

Commission members would be appointed by City Council and the mayor, serving staggered terms. They would be

authorized to hire administrative staff.

Willful violation of the ordinance carries civil and/or criminal penalty. Companies caught doing unauthorized demolition could have their operating licenses revoked for five years.

Some sections of the document allow the commission to buy property with money other than city appropriations.

The proposed ordinance would not impact interior alterations within the district.

During brief discussion of the historic preservation ordinance concept Tuesday, Ward 2 council member James Thriffiley said it could lead the way for property owners to get special tax incentives to repair and upgrade old structures.

And, he added, the document would be a "big boon for craftsmen" who are skilled in restoration work. But Ward 3 council member Connie Lamplrey said there were concerns in her area that property owners wouldn't be able to afford repairs that the commission might order.

Favre said his idea is to "get the ball started," getting input from the public. He said there might well be changes to the proposal's details as a result of the upcoming dialog.

Getting Ready



County crews were busy recently preparing the Civic Center and grounds in preparation for the 12th annual Red Beans & Rice Cook-off, the American Cancer Society fund raiser to be held Monday, April 23. Hancock County trustee Alton Wells handles the wheelbarrow while James Singleton picks up loose debris from the road in front of the Civic Center. Mario Perez was supervising the work of the trustees.

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Hancock Bank seeks Bay St. Louis business

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

A local Hancock Bank official urged Bay St. Louis leaders Monday to shift the bulk of its banking business to Hancock Bank, traditionally, said Favre.

Heitzmann noted that Hancock Bank has the main accounts for most other area governments and the school system. "They don't pay a penny" for the services they receive, he added.

He also gave council a long roster of donations the bank has made to area school athletic teams and bands, and other contributions to civic organizations.

He noted that the bank donated land and money for the local Tercentennial Park and statue of Bienville, and said the bank gives every city fireman and police officer a \$10 cash donation annually in gratitude for the service and protection they provide the bank.

Meanwhile, Heitzmann said

the bank has a Cash Manager system that would give the city a comprehensive menu of services in an electronic format, including balance reporting, account reconciliation, direct deposits, debits, tax payments, stop payments, book transfers and check images on Compact Disc.

"As your lead bank there will be no fees of any type assessed to the city of Bay St. Louis," he said.

Asked how long Hancock Bank had been seeking the city's business, Heitzmann said: "A long time."

Council member William Taylor said he agreed that "if we could keep it at home, everybody benefits."

Council took no formal action in the matter, however.



Echo Staff Photo By Bernie Shalbeter
Employees of the Mississippi State Forestry Service participated in a training exercise Wednesday which will qualify the participants for out-of-state fire detail. Pictured are Frank M. Delsyler, Albert Daniels, Buddy Cuevas, Pam Spencer, Mark Jamieson, and John Rogers.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Saturday is going to be the big day for the Coleman Avenue Coalition's area "Spring Clean Fling" and trash can painting contest.

Earlier this week I spoke to Kathy Pinn, president of the coalition, and she reported some 18 individuals have signed up for the trash can painting contest, yet, they still have seven more barrels to be painted.

The trash cleanup will begin at 10 a.m., preceded by signups beginning at 9 a.m. The cleanup area will include Coleman Avenue from the beach to Jeff Davis and adjacent areas, and the cleanup will last an hour or two Pinn said. Among those participating will be Boy and Girl Scouts.

The trash can painting contest will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lot across from the post office on Coleman Avenue. Judging will take place at 2 p.m. There will be prizes ranging from \$25 to \$100 for the three most exceptional trash cans.

Both professionals and amateurs are invited to decorate the metal trash cans. Paint will be furnished, just bring your brushes. For further information, call Kathy Pinn at 467-3922.

Three bands from Mad Mozart Productions will entertain throughout the events.

This past week several local officials attended a 2001 National Hurricane Conference in Washington, D.C.

Expert forecasters for the 2001 hurricane season say the Gulf Coast is due a major landfall and urge preparation.

You do not need to tell those of us who weathered the 1947 hurricane, or 1969's Camille the importance of preparing ahead of time.

It is almost impossible to describe what many folks of Hancock County and along the Mississippi Gulf Coast went through in the aftermath of those two very powerful storms. I can also recall reports from some of the older generation when I was young about hurricanes around 1915 and the damages they did to our area.

Some folks may think only those close to the water receive lots of damage, but those are not the only areas to suffer during a very severe hurricane. Just as an example, Hancock North Central, which is now Hancock North Central Elementary, suffered severe damages during Camille, including many areas between there and the beachfront.

When you are without water, power, telephone, gas, ice, food and drugstores, among other conveniences, it is hard to get by.

Newcomers to the area need to talk to folks who went through Camille.

Hopefully we will not have a severe storm, but, just in case, everyone needs to be prepared for the worst.

Lately I have seen a lot of folks working in their yards. Some have been fertilizing their grass, shrubs and trees, while others have been working their flower beds and vegetable gardens.

It seems the number of vegetable gardens are getting fewer and fewer each year.

This year all I have planted are a few red potatoes, which appear to be doing very well. It does not take too much work to grow potatoes.

This is the season to take care of lawns and gardens, and I really enjoy working in my yard.

I just wish I could do more, but as one ages one is not as energetic as one was at 40 or 50.

I did lose my prized bronze muscadine vine, which I had for about 25 years. The vines just split open a few weeks ago from the base almost to the end of the plants. I am not sure what caused the vine to die. Anyway, I have already planted another one at my arbor to take its place.

Hopefully the new vine will grow as many years as the other one did.

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Stage is being set for special session to hammer out Congressional remapping

Poetic, you might say. Ten years ago, after the last census, Mike Espy, then the state's 2nd District Congressman, tried to keep state legislators from making his black majority district blacker.

He failed. Lawmakers fashioned a congressional redistricting plan that carved a big chunk of black voters from the 4th District as well as the 3rd District and ballooned the black majority in the 2nd District to 65 percent.

Of course, it delighted Republicans that the 4th District would become substantially whiter, and the 3rd District's already slender black voting age population would be diluted, brightening the prospects the GOP would nab

both seats. And just as Espy warned, Republicans within the next few years would occupy both the 3rd and 4th District seats in Congress.

Now, a decade later, Mike Espy is no longer a member of Congress, but a practicing attorney in the 100-member Jackson-based Butler, Snow, Cannada, O'Mara Law Firm.

But as fate would have it, Espy is now a member of a team of private attorneys recently hired by the joint legislative committee on Redistricting to counsel

lawmakers on drawing both new Congressional and state legislative districts.

After some wrangling in the Joint Redistricting Committee's initial meeting a week or so ago, the Butler, Snow firm was chosen as private counsel over a bid by state Rep. Ed Blackmon (D-Canton) to hire another huge Jackson firm of which Reuben Anderson, the first black to sit on the state Supreme Court, is a member.

The political scuttlebutt was that Anderson would look out for the interests of 2nd District Democratic Rep.

Bennie Thompson, the lone black Mississippi congressman, who succeeded Espy when Espy resigned the seat in 1993 to become Secretary of Agriculture.

However, there was a political problem with hiring the Phelps, Dunbar Firm of which Anderson is a member: The firm also happens to represent the Mississippi Republican Party.

Although Thompson and Espy are not exactly political foes, it has been obvious ever since he first replaced Espy that Thompson has distanced himself from his predecessor, apparently apprehensive that Espy might some day seek to regain the 2nd District seat.

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Eyes on Mississippi
By Bill Minor



Letters to the Editor

Open communication the key to positive coach-parents relationships

To the Editor:

Open communication is the key when it comes to successfully dealing with parents and coaches.

We, as parents and coaches, must always keep the proper focus on what our roles as leaders should be.

That's why it is helpful to conduct a preseason meeting where you can introduce yourself, put to ease parental fears, discuss the goals of the pro-

gram, and explain what is expected of the parents and coaches.

Some of the things a coach should focus on during this meeting are:

1. Introduce the assistant coaches.

2. Explain that your coaching philosophy revolves around equal playing time for every child.

3. Stress that helping the kids learn and develop skills

while having fun is far more important than how many games the team wins.

4. Go over the game and practice schedule.

5. Discuss equipment needs because often the parent will look to the coach as the expert in this area.

6. Explain that you have an open door policy, and if anytime during the season a parent has a question or concern, you'll be happy to discuss it with them.

As assistant district director for Dixie Softball, Inc., District 9, I would like to wish all youths involved in team activities throughout the district a safe and productive season.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (228) 467-4992.

Tom Williams,
Dixie Softball, Inc.
District 9

Assistant District Director

May 6-12 National Goodwill Week

Dear Editor:

Your Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi is joining the other 181 Goodwills in North America to celebrate National Goodwill Week, May 6-12.

The National Goodwill movement, started in 1902, is the largest nonprofit organization helping people with barriers to employment in the world.

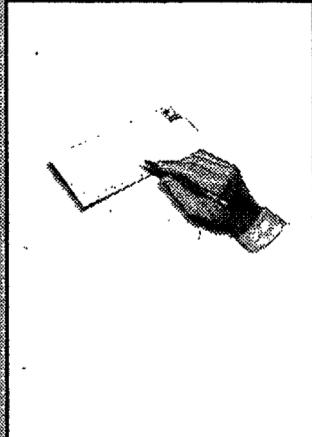
More than 200,000 people benefit annually from Goodwill service. With earnings over one billion dollars annually Goodwill channels more than 83% of its operating revenues directly back into services for people who need job skills.

Goodwill salutes all who partnered with Goodwill of South Mississippi in providing employment services to people along the Gulf Coast.

Sincerely,
LeRoy Modenbach
Executive Director

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From Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck A legislative wrap-up

Mississippi's 2001 Legislative Session is over, and even though much of the attention was placed on budget matters, many other good pieces of legislation were passed.

I know and appreciate that many of our agencies are clamping down and making do with much fewer resources. For the coming fiscal year, agencies will continue to provide vital services — that was our goal.

I also know and appreciate the efforts our universities, colleges and community colleges are undertaking to continue the excellent job they do on very tight budgets.

Let me assure our teachers, other educators, parents and students that public education is still the top priority in Mississippi.

Education successes came from the 2001 Session:

— The first year of a multi-year plan to raise our teachers' pay to the Southeastern average.

— The School Safety Act that will give teachers and principals new, strong tools to restore discipline in their classrooms.

— Help to our universities, colleges and community colleges to soften the impact of budget reductions.

— Full support for financial aid to our college students.

And high school diplomas will be granted to World War II and Korean veterans whose education was interrupted by their service in those wars.

Greater protections were provided against the physical or financial abuse of our senior citizens and others who are vulnerable in nursing homes or at home. Anyone providing direct care to these people will be required to undergo a criminal background check and fingerprinting before their employment. And penalties were made tougher for anyone convicted of

abusing the vulnerable.

In another move to help seniors, homestead exemption was raised.

A limited early-release program was passed for qualified first-time, nonviolent offenders.

Counties were provided with new ways to build and repair many roads under their supervision. The Legislature also is expecting extensive improvements in the Department of Transportation's operation after new management and planning practices are instituted at the recommendation of the PEER Committee.

The Children's Health Insurance Program was extended indefinitely and hospitals throughout our state will receive improved funding through a new approach to Medicaid reimbursement the Legislature approved early in the session. This funding plan is expected to be of special help to our rural hospitals that are having a tough time.

At the Legislature's direction, a new statewide task force will begin work soon to study and make recommendations for a strategic economic development program for forestry, which is one of our state's biggest employers. Forestry has been good to Mississippi, but we have yet to examine and promote a modern approach to its development. The Legislature also opened up conference committees for the first time in history so that the public can view final deliberations on bills. All committees are covered, except Appropriations.

I am cautiously optimistic as we get ready to begin another cycle of budget planning. But tough times have required tough decisions.

Coleman Coalition sets cleanup, trash can painting for Saturday

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The Coleman Avenue Coalition will undertake its first major project Saturday, April 21, a 'Spring Clean Fling' of the Coleman Avenue area and a trash can painting contest.

Kathy Pinn, coalition president said, "We already have 18 artists and amateurs in the trash can painting contest and can use seven more."

The trash painting contest will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and take place in the vacant lot across from the post office on Coleman Avenue.

Signups for the cleanup will begin at 9 a.m. and the cleanup will start at 10 a.m. The area to be cleaned will be Coleman Avenue from Beach Boulevard to Jeff Davis and adjacent areas, according to Pinn.

Other activities during the day will be by members of the American Kitefliers Association, who will be flying kites on the beach at the end of Coleman Avenue. Members of

the Mississippi Gulf Coast Kite Club and the Crescent City Kitefliers will also join in the fun by painting a trash can in honor of National Kite Month, Pinn said.

Three painters of the most exceptional trash cans will receive prizes ranging from \$25 to \$100, and T-shirts will be given for special merit.

There will be six judges for the contest.

The painted trash cans will be used to add a little cheer to keeping Coleman Avenue and the beach cleaner.

Three bands from Mad Mozart Productions will entertain throughout the day. Food will be available from established restaurants throughout the day, and the snowball stand will be open selling snowballs and hot-dogs. Proceeds from the snowball stand will benefit the Coleman Avenue Coalition with monies going to promote activities for the improvement of the downtown Coleman Avenue area, Pinn said.

For more information on the 'Spring Clean Fling' and trash can painting contest, call 467-3933 or 467-5474.

May 1 is deadline for PRCC programs

The deadline for applying for allied health programs at Pearl River Community College's Forrest County Center is May 1.

The PRCC allied health programs offered in Hattiesburg include Dental Assisting Technology, Dental Hygiene Technology, Medical Laboratory and Medical Radiologic Technology, Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physical Therapy Assistant Technology, Practical Nursing, and Surgical

Technology, and Respiratory Care Technology.

Other technical and vocational programs offered at the Forrest County Center include Electronics Technology, Heating & Air Conditioning Technology, Office Systems Technology, and Welding and Cutting Technology.

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Espy was elected to the mostly-Delta Congressional seat in an upset in 1986 to become first black to represent the state in Congress since Reconstruction. Initially, Espy received only 12 per cent of the white vote. But he actively broadened his base among white voters and eventually had support of majority of his white constituency.

In contrast, Thompson, relying exclusively on his 65 per cent black majority base, has never reached out for white support.

Party politics is somewhat hush-hush so far in the Congressional redistricting committee deliberations, but there's no doubt party lines are being drawn, even in the makeup of the attorney task force of which Espy is a member.

On the five-member attorney task force, Espy is regarded as representative of Democrats, and Andy Taggart, one-time chief of staff to Republican Gov. Kirk Fordice, represents the Republican counter-balance. Both, of course, are members of the same law firm.

Heading up the attorney task force is Tommie Cardin, who 10 years ago served as a private counsel to the Joint Legislative committee when he was a member of the Crosthwaite, Tierney Law firm hired by the committee.

In 1991, the committee's task was simply to redesign five districts and achieve a population balance. This time, the job is much tougher, because the state has lost one of its five seats, and how the new districts are carved has already become a storm center of national party politics because the U.S. House is so closely split between

Republicans and Democrats. Most early speculation has centered around the likelihood that 3rd District Republican Rep. Chip Pickering will be thrown into a district with 4th District Democratic Rep. Ronnie Shows, touching off a monumental clash for survival and an influx of major campaign cash from both national parties.

Some even suggest that because of old grudges left over from when he was a state senator in the 1980s, 5th District Democrat Gene Taylor could be targeted for revenge by some senior senators to face Pickering in 2002.

Not likely, however, since Taylor's Gulf Coast district needs only minimal changing.

Little has been said thus far about how Thompson's district, which is the biggest loser in the census figures, is going to be enlarged to pick up nearly 200,000 additional population, and that could become the thorniest issue in the entire redistricting battle ahead.

It is a given that no redistricting plan is going to pass muster with the U.S. Justice Department unless it has one black-majority district.

However, a 65 per cent black majority such as Thompson now has in the 2nd District will be impossible in order to bring the district up to the necessary population.

Inescapably, the 2nd District will have to be expanded eastward because that is the only direction where adequate numbers of people can be found. This means, of course, adding counties which have white majorities, and significantly reducing the black-majority constituency Thompson has

banked on in the past.

Back when Espy won the 2nd District seat in the late 1980s, the district had only a 52 per cent black population majority, and a voting-age black population of less than 50 per cent. Unlike Espy, Thompson has done nothing to build a coalition with white voters.

DeSoto County, the big gainer in the 2000 census as a virtual white suburb of Memphis, looms as the chief battleground in the redistricting fight. Republicans, who now control that county's politics, desperately will try to hold it in Roger Wicker's 1st District.

At the same time, DeSoto, which sits next to the Northern tip of Thompson's 230-mile long district, would give the 2nd District most of the added people it needs, but it would also create immense political problems for such a rigidly black advocate as is Thompson.

Consequently, Thompson would bitterly oppose adding DeSoto to his district.

Thompson already has the heavily populated black neighborhoods on the western side of the city of Jackson in his district, and doubtless some of his forces in the Legislature will seek to expand his district to take in populous Northeast Jackson.

That is the most affluent white area of the capital city and no doubt such a move would evoke another bitter fight, even bringing Democrat Shows into the arena.

The stage is being set for a special session of the Legislature in mid-summer to hammer out the Congressional remapping plan. It'll be a hot time in the old town, and not just the weather.

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Pass teacher receives Alan R. Barton award

The Mississippi Power Education Foundation has given Mary Edelen of Pass Christian Elementary School one of its annual Alan R. Barton Excellence in Teaching Awards.

During the current school year, Edelen has taught English and Gifted Studies in grades two through five at Pass Christian Elementary. She previously taught grades two through nine in the Long Beach School District.



Mary Edelen

She holds a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master of education degree from William Carey College. She also earned a gifted endorsement at William Carey.

She is a member of Mississippi Professional Educators, the Mississippi Writing Institute and the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children. She also has National Board certification in early adolescence English language arts.

Each recipient of the Alan R. Barton Excellence in Teaching Award receives \$500 and a plaque, an additional \$500 for classroom supplies and \$1,000 for staff development at their respective schools. The recipients will be honored at an awards banquet in April.

Barton was president of Mississippi Power Company from 1980 to 1989. The award was established in 1990 to commemorate his life and his dedication and contributions to the field of education.

While he was president of Mississippi Power, he engaged in a campaign to enhance educational opportunities for all Mississippians.

Among his many pursuits aimed at bettering education was the establishment of the Mississippi Power Education Foundation in 1984.

Since that time, the Mississippi Power Education Foundation has awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants for education in Mississippi.



Who's Who at MSU?

John L. Genin Jr. of Bay St. Louis is among 99 Mississippi State University seniors included in the 2000-01 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Each year since 1934, the Tuscaloosa, Ala.-based organization has published a national directory of the most outstanding students on the nation's campuses. Individuals are nominated by their institutions on the basis of academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. Genin is a business administration systems major and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Genin.

TOPS

CHAPTER 233

TOPS MS 233 met Thursday, April 12 at the Waveland Public Library. Best TOPS loser for the week was Beverly with 4 1/4 pounds. There were 14 members present.

Welcomed was visitor Beverly. The incentive award was won by Charlotte, who donated it back to the club, and the gift was won by Inga.

Rose and Olga thanked everyone for their birthday cards sent to them by the group. Last week Rose was presented a rose and charm for her weight loss. There will be no meeting today, April 19.

The club had awards night. Perfect attendance for March honors went to Gwen, Inga, Pat, Jeanette, Rose, Shirley, Elaine, Charlotte, Judy, Juanita, Olga and June.

A weight loss for the month of March certificate went to Rose with 1/4 pound, Gwen with 1 1/4 pound, Judy with 2 1/4 pounds, Juanita with 2 1/2 pounds, Jeanette with 2 1/2 pounds, Shirley with 2 3/4 pounds, Anna Mae with 4 pounds, and Elaine with 5 1/4 pounds. Top loser for the month was Wenda with 7.25 pounds. She received a charm with her certificate.

The program consisted of a general discussion.

TOPS 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-ins are 5:545 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Orchid Society plant sale

Members of the Gulf Coast Orchid Society are having an orchid plant sale Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the home of Tony and Jo Ann Vaz, 233 Akoko Street in Diamondhead.

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All A's: Thomas Allard, Elizabeth More and Jesse Hearn
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Grade 2

All A's: Kiana Welch
A/B: Megan Sando

Grade 3

All A's: Charlie Pritchard and Courtney Taylor
A/B: Andrew Hoang, Breanna Meyers, Diana Nguyen, Francis Tran, Jeremy Forte, Maria Nguyen, Melody Campbell, Meyer Levy and T. J. Vaught

Grade 4

A/B: Cameron Bosley, Madeline Carter, Caitlin Church, Jessica Oliver, Augustine Tran and Brittany Walker

Grade 5

All A's: Brian Mays, Elizabeth Nguyen, Caterina Tran and Cecilia Tran
A/B: Stephen Allard, Ethan Allen, Jody Donlin, Vicki Rafferty and Nikki Vaught

Grade 6

All A's: Khanh Nguyen and Alyssa Walter
A/B: Andrew Taylor, Ryan Hoda, Sean Bentz, Stephanie Allen, Anthony LaMarca, Alexandra Phares, Tyler Allen, Carolan Crowder and Lacey Raymond

St. Paul Catholic School Students of the Month

St. Paul Catholic School in Pass Christian recently announced its Students of the Month, including:

Pre-K: Kyle Hammack and Blaine Danielson
Kindergarten: Rebecca Oliver
Grade 1: Shannon Wooten, Colleen Rafferty, Elizabeth Hoang and Dan-Kha Tran
Grade 2: Jessica McDowell
Grade 3: Melody Campbell and Meyer Levy
Grade 4: Madeline Carter and Johnny Nguyen
Grade 5: Brian Mays and Jody Donlin
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State Agriculture Department obtains 2nd felony conviction for pesticide misuse

Commissioner of Agriculture Lester Spell, Jr., announced the second felony conviction obtained by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce for misuse of a pesticide with intent to cause harm to the environment.

A Louisiana man was sentenced to one year of probation and fines of \$4,000 for illegally using two agricultural pesticides to poison wildlife and a hunting dog in Hancock County.

Cecil Rester from Bogalusa, La., pled guilty in Hancock County Circuit Court to one count of felony misuse of a pesticide with intent to cause harm to the environment. He was sen-

tenced by Circuit Court Judge Stephen B. Simpson to one year of probation and a \$4,000 fine. Restitution was also made to the owner of the dog.

Rester used the agricultural pesticides Furadan (carbofuran) and Temik (aldicarb) in meat and eggs as bait to kill the animals. The misuse of a pesticide is a violation of the Mississippi Pesticide Law of 1975.

Rester was arrested and charged with a felony after a joint investigation by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and the Hancock County

Sheriff's Department. In June 2000, investigators with the agencies conducted searches of the property where the animals were found. Numerous locations of baited meat and eggs were found during the searches.

"This type of pesticide misuse cannot be tolerated and will be aggressively pursued by the Department of Agriculture," said Agriculture Commissioner Lester Spell, Jr. "We are committed to pursuing violators of our state pesticide laws in order to protect people and the environment from harm. Let this result serve as a clear warning to all who would engage in such an irresponsible activity."

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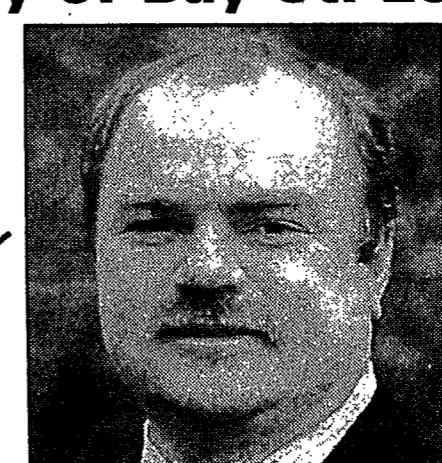
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Obituaries

DELORES CURRY

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HENRY LANG SR.
JOHN LENFANT III
VERONICA M. MCKAY
MARGUERITE MORGAN
PATRICIA PERALTA
CAROL A. ROGERS

DELORES CURRY

Delores M. Curry, 85, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, April 16, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Miss Curry was a member of St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. She was a founding member of the St. Rose de Lima Ladies Knights of Peter Claver.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Celestine Curry and seven sisters and brothers.

Survivors include a sister, Emma Emelda White of Tulsa, Okla.

Visitation will be today, April 19, 10-11 a.m. at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis followed by services. Burial will be in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to St. Rose de Lima Altar Society.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

JULIA B. FRYE

Julia B. Frye, of Pass Christian, died Sunday, April 15, 2001, in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J. Marshall Frye and Maud Puryear Frye; a brother, J. Marshall Frye, Jr.; a sister, Maud M. Frye.

Survivors include two nephews, Richard Frye of New Orleans and Alan Frye of Virginia.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal Church followed by burial in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

The family prefers memorials to one's favorite charity.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

BUDDY GEORGE

Buddy Persohn George, 43, of Kiln, died Monday, April 16, 2001, in Kiln.

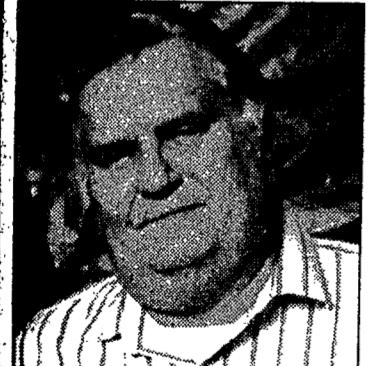
Mr. George was a native of New Orleans, and a member of the Catholic faith. He was preceded in death by his father, John Thomas George; brother Corey George; and grandmother Jeanne Alario Persohn.

Survivors include his daughter, Brittany George of Mereaux, La.; mother and stepfather, Dorothea "Dory" and Dr. Hewitt A. Thian of Bay St. Louis; sister Christy Wildey of Covington; and grandfather George Persohn Sr. of Westwego.

A visitation will be held

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So enjoy your birthday in paradise darling and know as we sit and weep at your grave: that if love alone could have saved you, you would be here this birthday instead of heaven.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
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Friday from noon until 1 p.m. at St. Bernard Catholic Church in St. Bernard, La.

A memorial service will be held at the church beginning at 1 p.m. Interment will follow at St. Bernard Catholic Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

RANDALL M. GOETZ

Randall M. Goetz, 39, of Chalmette, died Friday, April 13, 2001.

Mr. Goetz was a native of Bay St. Louis and a resident of St. Bernard Parish for 16 years.

Survivors include his wife, Gina Goe Goetz; his mother, Barbara Goetz; his father and stepmother, Richard and Lorenza Mataya Goetz; three sisters, Cheryl Cooper of Bay St. Louis, Beth Goetz of Waveland and Val Goetz of Muniz, La.; two brothers, Richie Goetz and George Goetz, both of Waveland; three stepsisters, Monique Terrebonne, Desirée Goetz and Chamara Brandon; a stepbrother, Christopher Goetz, and his grandmother, Alberta Goetz.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Vickers, Verrette and Dornan Funeral Home in Chalmette. Burial was in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens.

JAMES W. HOLT

James William "Bud" Holt, 77, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, April 16, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Holt was born Dec. 11, 1923 in Montgomery, Ala.

Joining the United States Marine Corps when he was 17, he remained in the service of his country for 23 years. He was the youngest man every promoted to Master Sergeant. Upon his discharge from the Corps, he spent the next 25 years of his life working in various facets of the space program.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eva Leone Holt; a daughter, Christine Glover; and his parents, David and Mary Elder Holt.

Survivors include his wife,

Nancy Holt of Bay St. Louis;

children Mary Gray of Conyers, Ga., Kirk Holt of Houston, Texas, Dennis Holt of Kiln, Robin Lewis of Conyers, Alfred Holt of Bay St. Louis, Martha Baker of Winter Park, Fla., Tina Marshall of Buffalo, Texas, Celeste Palmer of Carrollton, Texas, and Ceil Bylund of Webster, Texas; a brother, Dennis Holt of Tampa, Fla.; and a sister, Mary Teague of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday,

April 20, 10:30 a.m. until 12:15

p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home

in Bay St. Louis. A procession

will leave the funeral home at

12:30 p.m. going to the Biloxi

National Cemetery for a grave-

side service at 1:30 p.m.

The family prefers memorials

to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic

Church, P. O. Box 208, Bay St.

Louis, MS 39520.

HENRY LANG SR.

Henry Christian Lang Sr., 92,

of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday,

April 15, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Lang was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. He retired from Jitney Jungle as market manager after more than 25 years of service.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis where he was a member of the Usher Society and was a fourth degree

Knights of Columbus with the

Knights of Columbus Pere de

Luc Council 1522 in Bay St.

Louis.

He was preceded in death by

his wife, Clothilde Monti Lang;

his parents, Joseph and

Josephine Roth Lang; a brother,

Joseph "Ike" Lang; and two sis-

ters, Yetta Kessling and Thelma

Casey.

Survivors include three sons,

Henry C. Lang Jr. of Gulf

Breeze, Fla., Michael J. Lang of

Clermont Harbor and Alan J.

Lang of Mobile; two daughters, Joy Lee Lang Cochran of Franklin, Ala., and Joanne Lang Cassidy of Powell, Wyo.; 17 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

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The family prefers memorials

to Our Lady of the Woods Shrine, c/o Our Lady of the Gulf, 228 South Beach Blvd., Bay St.

Louis, MS 39520.

JOHN LENFANT III

John L. Lenfant III, 77, of Metairie, died Saturday, April 14, 2001, in Metairie.

Mr. Lenfant was born March 18, 1924, in New Orleans.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margie R. Lenfant; his parents, John L. Lenfant Jr. and Margaret Tresch Lenfant; a sister, Edna Rumback; and two brothers, Warren Lenfant and Leon Georgia.

Survivors include two sons,

John L. "Jay" Lenfant IV of

Kiln, died Saturday, April 14,

2001, in Kiln.

Ms. Peralta was a New Orleans native and a lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. She was a member of St. Patrick Episcopal Church in Long Beach.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Patricia Peralta. Survivors include three sons, Victor Blanton Jr. and Frank Joseph Peralta, both of Pass Christian, and Donovan Gurney of Kiln; a daughter, Courtney Gurney of Kiln; her longtime companion, Donald Gurney of Kiln; two brothers, Charlie Peralta and Ernest Peralta, both of Louisiana; two sisters, Debbie Robertson of Biloxi and Bridgette Williams of Picayune; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at St. Patrick

Episcopal Church in Long

Beach. Burial was in Long

Beach City Cemetery directed

by Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach.

CAROL A. ROGERS

Carol A. Rogers, 40, of Bay St.

Louis, died April 11, 2001, in Biloxi.

Mrs. Rogers was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis and a member of Power House of Deliverance in Bay St. Louis. She was a 1979 graduate of Bay High School and attended Pearl River Community College where she received an associate in business administration degree.

She also studied child development, cosmetology and was a licensed practical nurse. She was employed by Beau Rivage Casino in Biloxi as a slot technician.

Survivors include her hus-

band, Joseph K. McKay; eight

sons, Louis McKay of New

Rochelle, N.Y., Ralph McKay,

John McKay and Clarence

McKay, all of Pass Christian;

Edward McKay of Carson,

Calif., Harold McKay of Arleta,

Calif., George McKay of Hollywood, Calif. and Arnold

McKay of Panorama, Calif.; five

daughters, Anna M. Swanson,

Azelea Marie McKay and Mary

Ann Dedeaux, all of Pass

Christian, Veronica Janet of

Gulfport and Patricia Peters of

Austin, Texas; a brother, Louis

J. Clark of Bronx, N.Y.; two sis-

ters, Amy McKay of Gulfport

and Laura M. Finney of New

Rochelle, N.Y.; 53 grandchil-

dren, 39 great-grandchildren

and five great-great-grandchil-

dren.

Visitation will be Friday,

April 20, 9:30-11 a.m. at St.

Paul Catholic Church in Pass

Christian followed by services.

Burial will be in St. Paul

Cemetery in Pass Christian.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in

Gulfport is in charge of arrange-

ments.

MARGUERITE MORGAN

Marguerite Hassinger Morgan, 88, of Pass Christian,

died Sunday, April 15, 2001 in

Pass Christian.

Mrs. Morgan was a native of

New Orleans. She was graduat-

ed from Ursuline Academy in

1930 and from Ursuline College

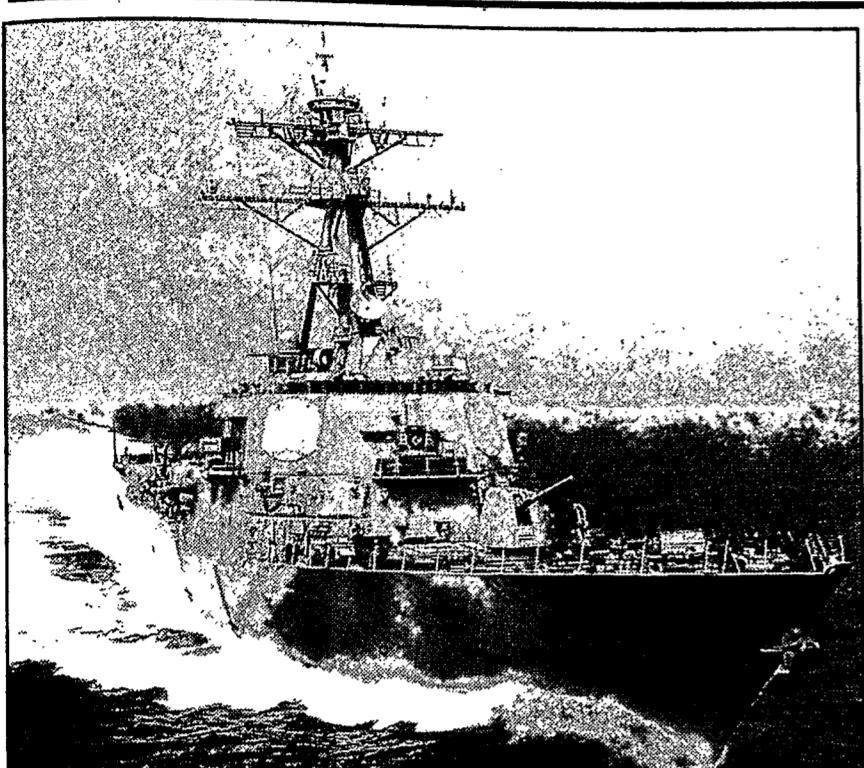
in 1934. She lived in New

Orleans and was a realtor with

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The Sea Coast Echo

BUSINESS NEWS

**Underway**

The 14th Aegis guided missile destroyer built for the U.S. Navy by Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding, a subsidiary of Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC), in Pascagoula, **USS LASSEN (DDG 82)**, was delivered to the Navy by Ingalls on Feb. 5 and departed Pascagoula on April 13. She will be commissioned in Tampa, Fla. on April 21. DDG 82 is the second Ingalls-built Flight IIA Aegis destroyer. The highlight of this major upgrade program is the addition of aircraft hangars that will accommodate two SH-60B helicopters. (Ingalls Shipbuilding photo)

Grand promotions

Wallace Barr, Chairman of 57,000 employees worldwide, the Board and President of Grand Casinos, Inc., has announced a reorganization in the Mid-South Region for the Park Place Entertainment properties. The reorganization is the promotion of three senior executives as follows.

In Tunica, Jon Lucas has been named the Executive Vice President of Grand Casinos Inc.-Tunica Casino Group. Lucas is responsible for all operations of the three Park Place Entertainment properties in Tunica and will have the current General Managers of Grand Casino Tunica, Sheraton Casino Tunica, and Bally's Casino Tunica reporting to him directly.

On the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Duncan McKenzie will assume oversight responsibilities for Grand Biloxi and Grand Gulfport as Executive Vice President Grand Casinos Inc.-Gulfcoast Casino Group.

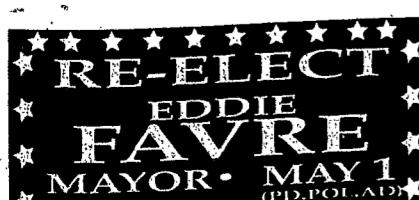
Steve Rosen has been promoted to Executive Vice President, Grand Casinos Inc., and will have oversight responsibilities for Marketing on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Tunica and Caesar's Indiana.

Jon Lucas, Duncan McKenzie and Steve Rosen will share and operate as the Executive Operating Committee for the entire Mid-South Region and will report directly to Wallace Barr. This new executive management team will develop the strategic direction, policies and structures for the PPE Mid-South Region.

Park Place Entertainment owns, manages or has an interest in 28 gaming properties operating under the Bally's, Caesars, Flamingo, Grand and Hilton brand names with a total of 2 million square feet of gaming space, over 28,000 hotel rooms and approximately

Hancock Holding reports earnings

Hancock Holding Company (Nasdaq: HBHC) has reported earnings of \$8.604 million, or \$.80 diluted earnings per share in the quarter ended March 31, 2001. Excluding the impact of gains booked in 2000 related to the sale of the Company's credit card portfolio, earnings were \$8.465 million, or \$.78 per share for first quarter 2000.

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Business is brisk at new Solid Waste Department office

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County's newly created Solid Waste Department is up and running, and business is steady.

Last Friday, the first quarterly bills were sent out to rural customers, and office Administrator Terri Bledsoe said Monday there has been a steady stream of customers coming into the new offices in the rear of 149 Main Street, across from the County Courthouse.

"It's just been non-stop," said Bledsoe. "And, the phones have been ringing off the hook." There are two incoming lines answered by herself or by her assistant, Debbie Dawsey, she said.

Under a new procedure and in order to offset mailing costs, instead of billing customers monthly, they are being given the option of paying \$15 quarterly or they can save \$6 a year by paying a total \$54 in advance for the entire year.

Bledsoe said there have been some complaints about the quarterly billing, mostly from elderly residents on fixed incomes, but, for the most part, most customers have been selecting the quarterly payment plan.

Of course, she admits, there will always be a hard-core block of citizens who think they

shouldn't have to pay for garbage pickup.

Posted prominently on one wall at the office is a public notice warning: "Profanity, threats of violence, physical disturbance or abusive language will not be tolerated. Local authorities will be called to remove from the premises any person causing a disturbance or using unacceptable language."

The Solid Waste Department office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Monday through Friday, and the number to call is

466-4663.

After years of wrangling over how best the county can go about collecting and billing rural residents the \$5-a-month fee for once-weekly garbage pickup, supervisors accepted the recommendation of County Administrator and Chancery Court Clerk Tim Kellar and established an office of its own.

They spent a couple thousand dollars to renovate the office behind purchasing formerly housing the county's Veterans Affairs Officer, and hired Bledsoe and Dawsey away from

Bay St. Louis as full-time county employees to run the office.

For years, billing and collecting for the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland and for rural households was handled by the city of Bay St. Louis at a cost of about \$60,000 a year.

There was no problem collecting from city dwellers since the monthly charge appears on their utility bills, and they could be threatened with the turnoff of other utilities if they got in arrears on their garbage bills. But, the county didn't have the same leverage over rural cus-

tomers because electric companies refused to give supervisors a customer list or attach the garbage fee onto their monthly bills.

In recent years, estimates are there were several hundred rural residents who refused to pay the nominal \$5 fee, racking up delinquent bills amounting to hundreds of dollars, and leaving the county's Regional Solid Waste Authority in the red to the tune of several thousands of dollars each year.

More than a year ago, the county's tax assessor/collector

was asked to withhold issuing a vehicle license tag to anyone in arrears on their garbage bills.

Bledsoe said tags are still being withheld, but rather than march on to Bay St. Louis City Hall, customers now have to walk only about a half-block from the tax assessor's office to the new department to pay their bills or make arrangements for payments.

Bledsoe said the office takes cash, money orders or checks, but if you have a delinquent bill of \$20 or more, you cannot pay by check.

Special Management Season for oyster harvest opens May 1

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has approved the opening of a 2001 Mississippi Special Management Season for oyster harvest in selected areas, effective May 1 at legal sunrise. These areas will close no later than May 11 at 4 p.m.

The following areas will be opened for dredging only:

Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters west of 89 degrees 15.50 minutes longitude, including northern portions of the Henderson Point Reef and portions of Hornets Reef;

Area II "B" Conditionally Approved Waters east of 89 degrees 20 minutes longitude, including St. Stanislaus Reef;

Area II "D" Conditionally Approved Waters, including the public oyster reefs between the CSX Railroad Bridge and the Hwy. 90 bridge in St. Louis Bay; and

Area III Conditionally Approved Waters west of the Long Beach Harbor, including the Kittiwake or Long Beach Reef.

The following area will be opened for tonging only:

Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters east of 89 degrees 15.50 minutes longitude, including northern portions of the Pass Christian Tonging Reef.

All other areas, waters and reefs of the state of Mississippi will be closed to the harvest of oysters, effective April 30. Specific areas or the entire special management season may close before May 11 if conflicts arise, if specific areas receive excessive harvest effort or if management plan criteria such as river stage or rainfall are met.

For more information with respect to the open and closed areas, call the 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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Native azaleas demand attention



SOUTHERN GARDENING

By Norman Winter
MSU Horticulturist
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If I had a singing voice, I might do a few bars of the Hallelujah Chorus. The fourth Mississippi Garden and Patio Show was a huge success, but even better was the fact that the native azaleas had to be among the hottest plants getting carried out of the buildings.

I know one garden center sold tons of Boston ferns in four hours and another sold huge quantities of bleeding heart, clerodendrums, but to see gardeners walking out with so many native azaleas made this horticulturist proud.

I recently gave a program in Point Clear, Ala., and the plant everybody was taking pictures of was the large honeysuckle azalea. On the way home on Highway 98, my son kept pointing out those blooming at the edge of the forest.

Things are changing around here, and native azaleas are catching on. The domino effect is starting.

As gardeners ask for these plants, more and more will show up, then there will be hybrids made that will offer us even hotter colors. Growers are starting to mass produce these and achieve uniformity in the product.

When I mention native azaleas, which are Rhododendron species, I'll admit most consumers still do not know about them, but that will change soon.

No longer is "deciduous" a dirty word. One radio station

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Katy Pope, director of the Wildlife Rehabilitation And Nature Preservation Society Inc. (WRANPS) takes a walk with Franklin, one of the Pass Christian preserve's charges



Pope displays a pair of armadilloes currently being cared for at the preserve. Armadilloes are always born as twins. The mother may give birth to one or two pairs at a time.

night.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 16, 1981 - National Space Technology Laboratories' personnel applauded, chuckled nervously and cheered during Tuesday's successful Space Shuttle orbiter landing in California. The orbiter's booster engines and liquid propellant tank were tested at NSTL (in Hancock County). After flying a 54-hour test mission the orbiter 'Columbia' glided into the Earth's atmosphere and landed on Roger's Dry Lake in the Mojave Desert near Edwards Air Force Base. 'Columbia' is the first spacecraft executing an airplane-style landing after being rocketed into space.

- Local 'Jaws' - (photo) This monster of the deep, a bull shark weighing 391 pounds, was caught with a small section of a gill net by fishermen L.J. Delerette, Rich Veillon and David Richardson. The trio said they saw the shark's fin as it was swimming close to the

Mississippi Department of Wildlife officers for illegal fishing in Hancock County. Officer C.J. Cameron reported the arrest of three with a fourth person still being sought. The three have been charged with the alleged use of slat traps, possession of two slat traps, and the possession of 23 illegally taken catfish.

FORTY YEARS AGO

April 20, 1961 - An urgent appeal for blood issued by the Hancock County Blood Bank was answered yesterday by 263 persons who donated 206 units of blood. J.D. (Big John) Rutherford, president of the blood bank, said this was the largest turnout of donors in the bank's history.

- City Commission Council

(Bay St. Louis) Monday adopted a resolution changing the name of Railroad Avenue from Washington Street to the Waveland town limits to Central Avenue formalizing action taken several months ago. Mayor John A. Scafide said the Town of Waveland made the change some time ago and that the two names for one street have been confusing.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 20, 1951 - George S. Horton, Sam Whitfield, Mrs. Mae Tudry, Mrs. Caroline Keifer, and Alden Mauffray, have been named members of the Park Commission by the Bay St. Louis Mayor and Commission Council. The Park Commission was created by the Mayor and Commission Council.

under the law granting the authority to municipalities having a population in excess of 2000.

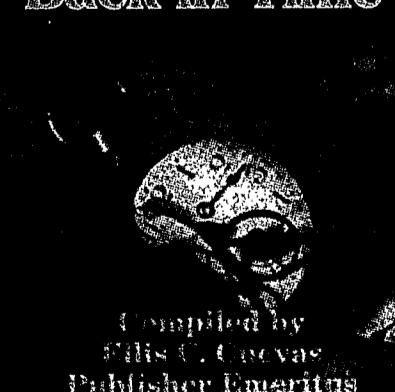
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SIXTY YEARS AGO

April 18, 1941 - Easter Sunday at Cuevas Catholic Church. At 10 o'clock mass the devoted congregation of Cuevas Catholic Church with their friends filled up the church. The

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Back in Time



Clermont Harbor shoreline and waded out and circled it with the net. They drug it to the shoreline and used a pickup truck to pull it across the road. It was weighed at Terry's Seafood on Bayou Caddy, where it was kept in a cooler over

The Sea Coast Echo

SPORTS

Area schools show well in first day of district track meet

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The annual rite of spring is upon us as the area high school compete in the Division 7 Class 4A track meet at Hancock High School in Kiln. The two-day event started on Tuesday, April 17, and will conclude on Thursday, April 19.

On the first day of competition, all the field events and the 3200m run for boys and girls are completed. On Thursday, finals in all other races will be conducted and the district champion is crowned.

After the first day of competition, the Picayune Maroon Tide girls squad leads the pack with 55 points followed by Oak Grove with 33, Hancock 18, Bay High 17, Columbia 16, and Petal with 15 points. On the boys side, St. Stanislaus has 69 points followed by Picayune with 42, Hancock 37, Columbia 27, Oak Grove 26, Petal 9, and Bay High with six points.

In the district competition, the top four finishers in each event move on to regional competition on April 27 at Hancock.

Shavon Willis of Bay High finished third in the girls high jump with a height of 4'6". Morgan Necaise of Hancock was runner-up in the girls shotput with a throw of 27'2". Felicia Thomas of Bay High placed second in the long jump with a leap of 14'8 5/8". Becky Amacker of Hancock took third place in the discus with a throw of 83'2".

In the boys division, Lucas Vining of St. Stanislaus won the pole vault with a top height of 11'6". Teammate Darryl Russel placed fourth to move on to regionals with a height of 9'6". Damien Cuevas of Hancock also made the cut placing third with a best vault of 10'.

Frederick Mallini of SSC was the lone qualifier for the Hancock County athletes in the

shotput. Mallini placed second in the event with a throw of 40' 10 1/2".

Hancock County athletes dominated the high jump and claimed all four qualifying spots for next week's regional meet. Jason Phillips successfully



and a leap of 5'8". Leif Dasco of Bay High rounded out the top four finishers with a height of 5'6".

Sanankoua of SSC won the triple jump with a distance of 38' 7 1/2". Teammate Nick Benvenuti took second place with a jump of 36'1". Ryan Ladner of Hancock will participate in regional competition after placing fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 34'3".

Brian Butler of SSC was the lone qualifier for the area schools in the long jump with a fourth place finish and a leap of 18'2".

SSC and Hancock claimed the top three spots in the 3200m run. Kyle Lewis of SSC won the grueling distance race in 10:31.63. Dustin Hicks of SSC was not far behind in second place with a time of 10:36.14. SSC's Allen Leone placed third with a time of 10:55.46.

District championship competition will conclude on Thursday, April 19, at Hancock High School in Kiln. The finals in all running events will begin at 6pm.

Bay St. Louis welcomes Dixie Girl Softball officials for opening day ceremonies

Mayor Eddie Favre and Recreation Director Gus McKay are rolling out the Bay St. Louis hospitality carpet to welcome national, state and district officials to the Bay to help in the opening of the new Dixie Girl Softball League.

"We have held registration every Saturday for months, and these girls are now ready to play. April 21 will be a great day in the Bay," said McKay.

The Dixie league is new to the city's recreation program and was selected because of the expanded opportunities that it could offer Bay St. Louis female athletes.

The local league is comprised of 17 teams, ages 4-15 years. Opening ceremony festivities begin at 10 a.m. at the McDonald Field complex on

Ulman and Dunbar avenues. Bay St. Louis has been invited to bid on hosting one or more of four 2002 Dixie Girls World Series.

"This is quite unusual for a new city, but national and state officials were so impressed with the enthusiasm and energy with which players and parents embraced the new program that they recognized Bay St. Louis' potential to be a great host city," said Mayor Eddie Favre.

Favre continued, "A Dixie Girls World Series will have an enormous financial impact on Bay St. Louis.

Hotels, restaurants, fuel, and souvenir sales will greatly increase sales tax during the seven-day event. We can't wait to show them why Bay St. Louis is A Place Apart."

Mississippi non-resident license fees change July 1

The Commission on Marine Resources, in coordination with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, has lowered the non-resident saltwater fishing license fees for Louisiana sports fishermen effective July 1, 2001.

Beginning on that date, Louisiana residents who fish in Mississippi marine waters will pay \$55 for a three-day saltwater fishing license and \$30 for an annual saltwater fishing license.

"The new license fee structure will benefit both Mississippi and Louisiana anglers by helping to make the fishing experience more affordable for all," said Glen Carpenter, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

\$55 (\$15 for freshwater + \$40 for saltwater); an annual license costs \$90 (\$30 for freshwater + \$60 for saltwater).

Also effective July 1, all other non-resident sports fishermen who fish in Mississippi marine waters will pay \$15 for a three-day saltwater fishing license and \$30 for an annual saltwater fishing license.

"The new license fee structure will benefit both Mississippi and Louisiana anglers by helping to make the fishing experience more affordable for all," said Glen Carpenter, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

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The Epilepsy Foundation, Annandale, golf and friends – this perfect foursome is teaming up once again for a round of support.

Tuesday, May 22, is the day golfers will want to join old and new friends at Annandale Golf Club in Madison for the 10th annual Betty Gay Clements Golf Tournament benefiting the Epilepsy Foundation of Mississippi.

Prizes galore will be offered along with a hearty lunch and awards reception. The fee for teams is \$800 for four golfers, or players can register individually for \$250 and be matched with a winning team. Sponsorships are also available ranging from \$2500 to \$3000.

Tournament volunteers are also needed. Help the more than 50,000 Mississippians living with epilepsy every day. To volunteer, register or for more information, call the Epilepsy Foundation at 1-800-898-0291.

As is required of Mississippi anglers fishing in Louisiana, Louisiana residents also must buy both the freshwater and saltwater license to fish in the marine waters of Mississippi.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Waveland will accept sealed proposals from qualified firms for professional services required for application preparation and subsequent implementation of their 2001 Community Development Block Grant Economic Development programs.

The City is seeking funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. A Project Administrator, Project Engineer, and Project Attorney will be selected to oversee this project.

Information packages concerning the request for proposals are available at the City Clerk's office, City of Waveland, 301 Coleman Avenue, P.O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39117-0539, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The services required for this project are:

ADMINISTRATIVE: Assist the City and its agents in the application preparation and subsequent program administration including management accounting, required reports to HUD and the State, implementation of applicable State and Federal laws, regulations, and requirements, establishment and maintenance of filing system; and serve as liaison between the City and the State. Firms or individuals proposing to perform administrative services should submit a list of their qualifications, experience, and capacity for performance.

ENGINEERING: Engineering design for construction of the proposed improvements including: all design surveys, preliminary design work, final design phase, preparation of plans and specifications, and construction inspection. Firms or individuals should submit a list of their experience, qualifications, and capacity for performance.

LEGAL: Consultation services as required for the implementation of the proposed improvements as outlined in the CDBG application in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations. Legal services shall include but not be limited to consultation services, the evaluation of all contracts and land acquisition, etc. Offerors should submit a list of their experience, qualifications, capacity for performance along with an hourly rate charged for consultation services. Other services include examination of property records related to any easements which might be required.

Proposals for this project will be rated according to the following criteria:

1. EXPERIENCE with similar Community Development Block Grant Projects;
2. QUALIFICATIONS, knowledge, and technical expertise in this and similar projects;
3. CAPACITY FOR PERFORMANCE to perform required services in a timely manner, given current workload and staff.

All proposals will be rated on the following system to determine the best offeror: Description and maximum points: Qualifications - 40; Experience - 40; Capacity - 20; Total: 100 Points.

Proposals are being requested in accordance with OMB Circular A-102, Attachment 0, Paragraph 11 C. "Competitive Negotiations". Contracts will be awarded to the qualified bidders whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the City, cost and other factors considered. The Mayor and Aldermen reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the proposal process. The City of Waveland is an equal opportunity employer.

Proposals should be sealed and properly labeled as 2001 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT and may be delivered or mailed to: City Clerk's office, City of Waveland, 301 Coleman Avenue, P.O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39117-0539 and received at City Hall no later than 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2001, after which time they will be opened by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will then review each proposal and select a qualified firm or individual.

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SPORTS

Fire Dogs bash Fourcade, Mobile 58-42

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The Mississippi Fire Dogs and the Mobile Seagulls locked horns in their first battle of the year in the National Indoor Football League season. Mississippi stormed the Mitchell Center on the campus of the University of South Alabama and delivered a knockout win against the John Fourcade-led Seagulls by the score of 58-42. With the win, Mississippi moves to 2-0 on the season.

If fans will remember, Fourcade was the head coach/quarterback of the Mississippi Fire Dogs for the past two seasons and led them to the IPFL league championship in 2000. After offseason negotiations fell through, Fourcade searched for greener pastures in Mobile.

Fourcade was not able to contain the potent offensive combination of Derrick Taite-Kenny

Causey and the rest of the Fire Dog offense.

The Fire Dogs scored on every first half possession. Mississippi jumped out to a 14-0 lead when Causey and Taite hooked up twice before James Matthews was able to put Mobile on the board with a kickoff return.

Before the first half was over, Causey added another receiving touchdown while running back Dexter Thomas added a pair of scores on the ground. Fire Dogs kicker Tim Hardaway was perfect on five PATs and a pair of field goals.

Mississippi had a 41-27 half-time lead after Mobile got a score from Alex Howell, two field goals by former Fire Dogs kicker Brad Rhodes, an Antoine Flowers score and Fourcade

two-point conversion.

Causey scored his fourth touchdown of the game to open the second half while Hardaway added another field goal. With 5:17 left in the third quarter, the score was 51-27.

Lamont Woodberry scored the final touchdown for Mississippi with 10 minutes left in the game. That catch made the score 58-27.

The Fire Dogs began to substitute liberally in the waning minutes on defense and Mobile was able to make the score respectable.

Flowers scored his second touchdown of the game with about 7:30 left to play. John McCorvey scored Mobile's final

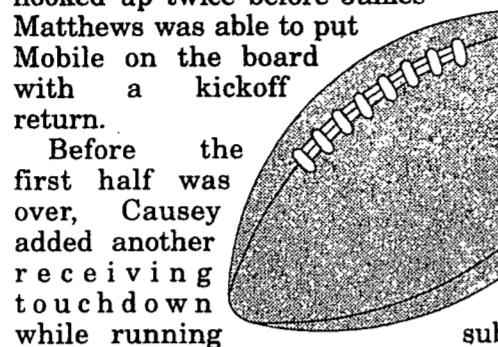
points with 1:27 left on the clock to make the final score.

The Fire Dog defense stayed in their former coach's face all night long led by Monte Gatlin, Terrance Dickerson, Bobby Doyle, Jarvis Spencer, Tim Bell, Jimmie Myles, and Stacy Wilson.

Myles was credited with five pressures on Fourcade while Bell batted down three Fourcade passes. Wilson recovered a fumble caused by Myles.

Fire Dogs head coach Irvin Favre stated, "I expected us to play this way. Our quarterback, Derrick Taite, had another fine game tonight."

The Fire Dogs will play their first home game in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum on Monday, April 23, at 7pm. For more information on tickets please call 228-388-1876.



Wildcats sweep Perk Bulldogs

Pearl River Community College swept arch-rival Mississippi Gulf Coast Tuesday with 6-5 and 4-3 victories to improve to 10-8 in the South Division.

The Wildcats, who split with the Bulldogs March 24 in Perkinston, are 17-20 overall with five games remaining in the regular season, including three against division foes. The Bulldogs, the South Division leaders, dropped to 20-21 and 14-4.

In the first game, Eric Adkins ripped an RBI double in the bottom of the first inning to give PRCC a 1-0 edge, but Gulf Coast went up 2-1 lead in the top of the second off a wild pitch and an RBI single by Scotty Scott. Randy Redmond's two-run homer in the top of the third made it 4-1 Gulf Coast.

In the bottom of the third, the Wildcats cut the Bulldogs' lead to one off two singles, a walk, and a passed ball. Ryan Landry cracked PRCC's second base hit of the frame, driving in a run to make it 4-3, then blasted an RBI double in the bottom of the fifth to tie it up. PRCC scored another run on a wild pitch, then Rusty Crosslin ended the Wildcats' scoring with an RBI single.

Gulf Coast opened the final inning with a walk and a double by Cragin Gilbert, then Jacob

Brown sacrificed the game's final run home.

Adkins and Landry both singled and doubled to pace PRCC's eight-hit attack, while Kyle Wilks doubled and Crosslin, Kirk Giger, and Blake Munna all singled.

Gulf Coast finished with six hits, led by Redmond's homer and single, while Gilbert doubled and Scott, Mike Thrash, and Matt Anderson all singled.

Mark Broom (3-3) picked up the win in relief of starter Brandon Dupuy of Bay High. Broom took the mound in the fourth and subsequently struck out five Bulldogs, while walking two. Dupuy recorded six strikeouts and two walks in his three-inning performance.

Kirk Ansium (2-7) was the losing pitcher.

In the night cap, Pearl River grabbed a 1-0 edge in the bottom of the first off a walk, a single by Justin Byrd and a wild pitch, then made it 2-0 in the second with an RBI double by Wesley Louque. Adkins' and Landry's back-to-back home runs in the bottom of the third put the Wildcats' up 4-0 and proved to be enough for the win. Adkins now has seven homers for the year, while Landry has six.

Gulf Coast cut the lead to two in the top of the fourth off two walks and an RBI double by

recurve bows, longbows, or self-bows.

A novelty shoot will take place. Mechanical releases and bow sights are not allowed in any match.

The annual archery event is family oriented. Vendors will be on hand selling a variety of archery equipment, food, and drinks.

For information, contact Randall Smart at 662-226-4602, or Artie Stewart at 662-473-9175.

Powerlifting results

Josh Ladner of Hancock High School finished fourth in the 275-pound weight class at the State Powerlifting Championships at Pearl High School.

Ladner, the defending state bench press champion, set a new record in his class with a lift of 340 pounds.

Ladner's total for the competition was 1,370 pounds.

Chas Evans, then scored the game's final run in the top of the fifth off an RBI single by Mike Thrash.

Matt Forman followed Thrash with a walk, but the Wildcats ended the threat with a double play.

PRCC travels to Hinds Saturday for a 2 p.m. South Division doubleheader, then hosts non-division rival Faulkner State (Ala.) Monday in a 2 p.m. doubleheader.

Coaches' code of ethics

I hereby pledge to live up to my certification as a coach by following the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.

6. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.

7. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

8. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.

9. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.

10. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

Submitted by Tom Williams,
Dixie Softball, Inc., Dist. 9
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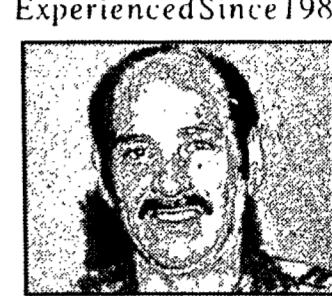
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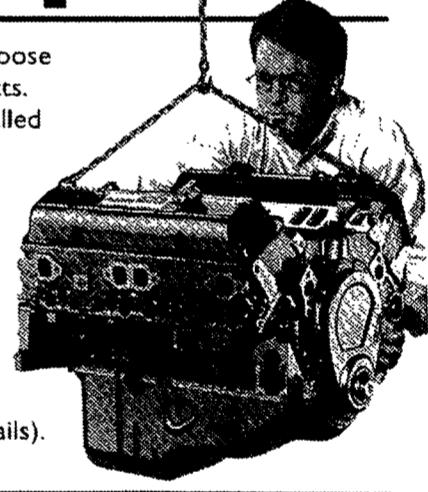
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abandoned, but this may not be the case. A mother deer, for instance will leave her fawn alone for long periods of time, returning mainly at night to nurse the baby.

WRANPS recommends as a first step to rescue, lots of observation. If you find a baby bird, that is not obviously injured, replace it in the nest if possible.

If this is not possible, make a makeshift nest and place it as close to the original nest as possible. Even if one parent bird is found dead, the other parent will take over care for the baby. Baby birds must be fed every 20 minutes to two hours so reuniting them with their parents is the best solution for all. With baby mammals, WRANPS recommends leaving them where they are if possible if they do not appear to be injured or are not in danger from cats or dogs. Although you may not see the mother, she is likely watching you as you approach her baby. An animal mother will recover her baby, if given

the chance. If you must move the baby for safety, put it in a box as close to the original position as safety will allow.

If you find a baby or adult wild animal that truly needs rescuing, Pope recommends calling the center first. The center has a 24 hour message machine.

An injured animal should not be handled by an inexperienced person because it can cause more injury to the animal and an injured animal may be dangerous.

If you must move an abandoned baby or hurt animal, then the animal should be placed in a box in a warm, dark, quiet place until help can arrive. The goal of WRANPS, which has been on the Coast for 17 years, is rehabilitation and release of all wild creatures. It averages about a 50 percent success rate, a little higher than the national average. Rescued animals may be kept overnight or several months, depending on their needs. The center in Pass Christian also

has some permanent residents, Franklin, the Great Horned Owl, Molly, the education opossum, and a red tailed hawk.

The center uses these animals, whose injuries prohibited their release to the wild, to educate others on the proper care and handling of rescued wildlife.

This week the center had a variety of babies, including baby armadillos, rabbits, opossums, turtles and birds.

A small alligator with malnutrition, a year old brown pelican with a respiratory infection, and a squirrel with a broken leg were among the other residents.

In order to achieve their goal of release, Pope said, care must be taken so that the animals do not associate receiving food with humans. Feedings are done in silence with covered faces or through feeding doors when possible. Cages are covered to minimize the exposure of the creatures to humans. This is done to prevent stress to the animal due to too much human contact. This stress can

greatly inhibit an animal's recovery, Pope said.

The center keeps two interns and depends on a host of volunteers. "But we always need more help," said Pope. "And the center offers classes for volunteer training to anyone who is interested, but being a volunteer requires a special kind of person. You are not keeping these animals for pets, so for a lot of time and work, the rewards may not seem big enough for some people."

For Pope, the job is a permanent way of life. She has been at the center since 1998 and she says she has found her niche.

"The feeling you get from helping an animal stay free is indescribable, just to know you had some small part in it is the reward ... the animals don't thank you and not many people thank you, so that has to be enough," said Pope.

If you're interested in learning more about wildlife or becoming a volunteer, call WRANPS at 452-WILD.

Garden

called them "desidious" azaleas as if that word was related to "insidious." This spring has been great because gardeners once again are buying flowering quince, forsythia, barberries and now azaleas that are all deciduous.

If you would like an azalea with bright, iridescent orange flowers with long, delicate stamens that remind you of a tropical flower, then you may be candidate for a native azalea.

If you would love fragrant pink flowers that look so much like a honeysuckle you have to examine the plant to convince yourself that it is not a woody honeysuckle, then you need a native azalea.

My favorites are some of the

varieties of Rhododendron austrinum, which are native from Mississippi to Florida. Despite this large geographic area, they are called Florida flame azalea.

There have been selections of the species made, such as Adam's Orange, that is a deep orange; Austrinum Gold, which is a brilliant goldish-orange; and Harrison's Red, which is a rosy-red.

There are many more selections out there, and some have great fragrances.

The other prominent native azalea is the Rhododendron canescens, which is called the Piedmont azalea or around here the honeysuckle azalea. This one mostly comes in shades of pink-rose and white with an awesome fragrance.

Other species that are not native to Mississippi but are from southeastern states perform well, such as the Rhododendron alanticum or coast azalea.

The Rhododendron prunifolium, or plum-leaf azalea, blooms in midsummer and does well in all but the coastal counties. You may have seen it prominently featured at Callaway Garden in Pine Mountain, Ga.

One that is much overlooked but will probably gain in popularity is the Rhododendron flammeum or Oconee azalea. This azalea is among the best for heat and drought tolerance and is available in red, yellow and orange.

How you would use native azaleas may be the real ques-

tion to ask yourself. Consider a color wheel when creating bold plantings of native azaleas with favorite Southern Indica azaleas and dogwoods.

Bright yellow-gold and purple works for lantanas and verbenas, and it will work with azaleas, too!

Enjoy shopping for azaleas of all kinds this spring, and keep your eyes peeled for those native species. They are a good buy.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154.

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Time

church altars were magnificently decorated by one of the Courtney families who did so much for the church. Miss Henrietta Courtney, the daughter of Mrs. Anne Courtney, helped to quite an extent to build the church of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cuevas, Miss. The sermon of Father Sorin on Easter Sunday went to the hearts of all present. Thanks are due to that fervent congregation of Cuevas for their good will to not only keep their church, but also to give help for

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HMC breast cancer fund provides mammography for the deserving

A restricted fund established by the Hancock Medical Center Foundation defrays the cost of screening mammograms for certain area women.

Those in need of mammography services, who do not meet Medicare or Medicaid qualifications and who are not covered by health insurance, can apply for funding, according to Janet McQueen, development director.

The breast cancer fund was established by a group of local women who wanted to ensure that no woman was denied mammography screening due to financial constraints. To date, the fund has provided screening mammograms for 24 local residents, said McQueen.

The American Cancer Society recommends a baseline or screening at 40 years of age, with a follow-up screening every year or two to age 49.

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Hancock County schools Kindergarten roundup

The Hancock County School District has four kindergarten round-up days scheduled for registration and screening of Kindergarten students who will attend school beginning in the 2001-2002 school year.

Charles B. Murphy Elementary, 6098 1st Street in Pearlington has registration on Friday, April 20 from 8 a.m. to noon. Hancock North Central Elementary, 6122 Cuevas Town Road in Kiln will hold a joint registration and orientation Friday, May 4 at 8 a.m. for all parents of new kindergarten students.

Gulfview Elementary, 6590 Lakeshore Road in Bay St. Louis will hold registration on Friday, May 11

from 9 a.m. to noon.

Parents should bring their child's certified birth certificate, certificate of compliance (shot record), two proofs of residency, and the child's social security card. Vision, hearing, speech, and basic physical screenings will be offered. Health department immunizations will NOT be available at the round-up days. Immunizations of DTaP, IPV, MMR, Hepatitis B, and Varicella (chicken pox) are given Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hancock County Health Department on Longfellow Road. Cost is \$10 per shot unless a child has Medicaid or CHIPS. For more information, contact C.B. Murphy at 533-7872, East Hancock at 255-6637, Gulfview at 467-4655 or HNCE at 255-7641.

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National Library Week Happenings



TEACHERS AND STAFF of Charles B. Murphy Elementary School were treated to a reception as part of National Library Week. David Woodburn, library system assistant director, presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation and a library book bag honoring their support of the Pearlington Public Library. Pictured, from left, are Mellinda Allen, Sherry Scarborough, Lucy Mitchell, Marie Stiglet, Sheryl DeStarkey, Belinda Pierce, Wendy Curet, Lenette Ladner, Joy Drago, Liz Stevenson and Bill Thomas.

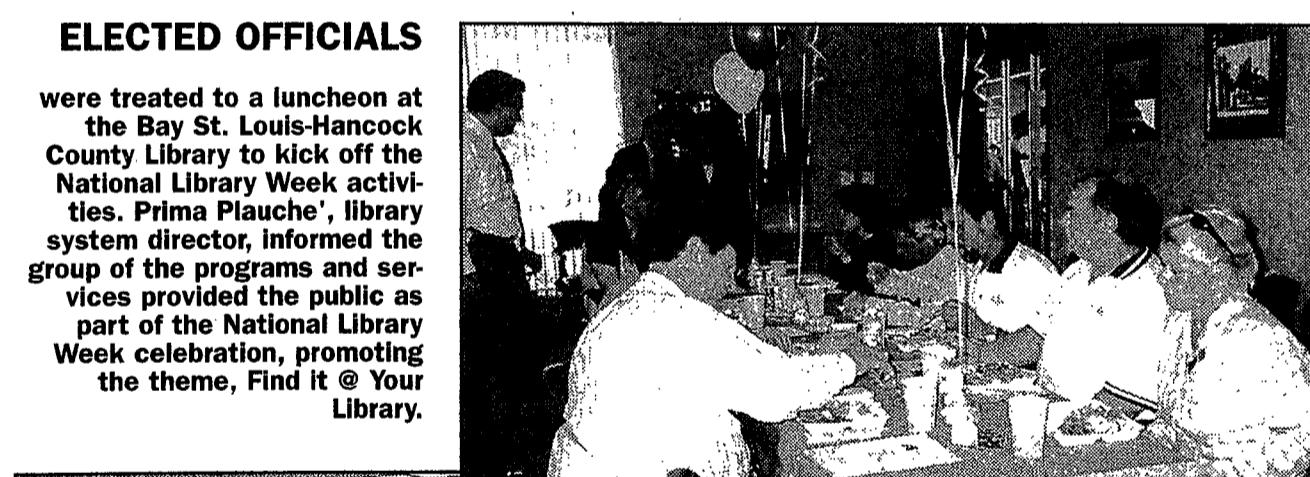


DIAL PAC TRAINING

was just one of the activities offered the public during National Library Week. Here, Jeanne Pierce, public and information services coordinator, explains how the program works. The program offers library users the ability to dial into the library system's automated catalog via modem from their home, work or school computer.

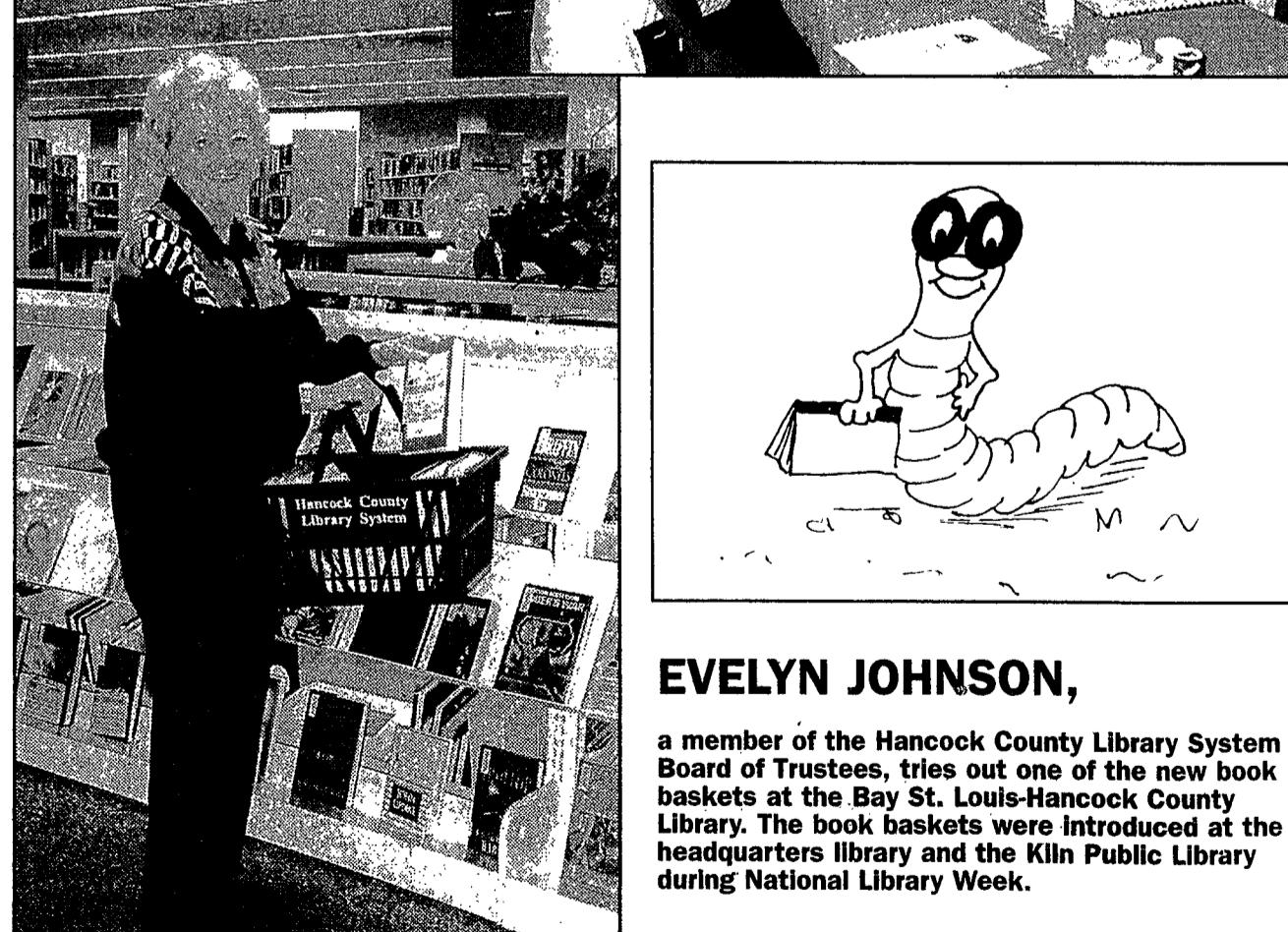


LOUIE ST. LOUIS, the library system's mascot, was on hand during National Library Week to take children attending story hour on a tour of the headquarters library in Bay St. Louis. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, also assisted the children in making their own library dragon.



ELECTED OFFICIALS

were treated to a luncheon at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library to kick off the National Library Week activities. Prima Plauche', library system director, informed the group of the programs and services provided the public as part of the National Library Week celebration, promoting the theme, Find it @ Your Library.



EVELYN JOHNSON,

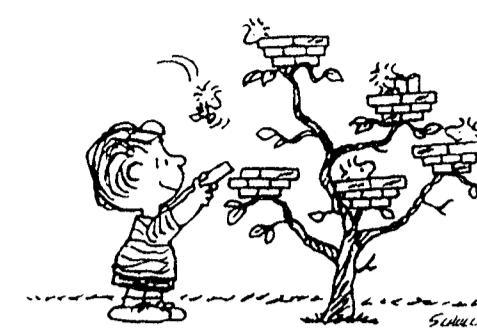
a member of the Hancock County Library System Board of Trustees, tries out one of the new book baskets at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The book baskets were introduced at the headquarters library and the Kiln Public Library during National Library Week.

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NASA program prepares workforce of tomorrow

The need for jobs in the geospatial technology industry is growing rapidly. Although most people are not aware this technology exists, it is a multi-billion dollar industry that affects us all.

To educate and train a competent workforce, NASA's Geospatial Applications Development Directorate (GADD) at Stennis Space Center, along with the Office of Education, has implemented the National Workforce Development Education and Training Initiative (NWDETI) in Mississippi and is known as the Mississippi Model.

The goal of the program is to use existing education and training infrastructures to develop and prepare a well-trained workforce for the geospatial technology marketplace.

The Mississippi Model is a program that strives to discover the needs of the customer and implement educational programs to meet those needs.

The Mississippi Model also seeks to create systemic change in the way students and the incumbent workforce are trained.

The NWDETI Model targets all educational levels from kindergarten to college.

By the year 2003, all junior high students in the public school system in Mississippi will be introduced to the technology. Community colleges and universities throughout the state have also begun to participate in educator training and to develop material and courses in geospatial technologies.

The Mississippi Model has been successful in raising awareness of this technology and getting programs into schools that will help create a competent workforce. From the Mississippi Model evolved

expressed difficulty in filling positions dealing with geospatial sciences.

The NWDETI is a national program that began as the Workforce Development Education and Training Initiative (WDETI) in Mississippi and is known as the Mississippi Model.

The NWDETI program seeks to increase the awareness of this technology by sharing success stories, establishing a review board, featuring NWDETI at various events and conferences around the country and developing a gateway and clearing house online to share geospatial technology information and educational materials.

The program also seeks to foster partnerships and create networks between federal agencies and the private sector, to research and identify geospatial technology workforce requirements and to communicate workforce needs and requirements to the education community.

Projects initiated to increase public awareness include the Geospatial Workforce Development Center (GeoWDC) at the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi Educational Television programs that are broadcast into classrooms around the state, research centers around the United States, national programming on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and the Distance Web site. For more information on the NWDETI, contact Stennis Space Center Education Programs Coordinator Brenda Pounds at 228-688-3814.

Geospatial technologies aid in the acquisition and interpretation of data about the Earth's surface from a distance. Satellites and aircraft collect this data.

From these vantage points, images can be captured to get information that is not possible to collect otherwise. Industries such as insurance, banking, real estate, environmental monitoring, forestry and agriculture, emergency response, and many others can then use the information in everyday business applications.

As the need for this information grows, so does the need for a knowledgeable workforce. Currently, there is a shortage of qualified personnel to fill positions in geospatial technology related jobs.

In a 1998 National Spatial Information Technology survey, 87 percent of respondents



Gymnasium renovations

Renovations to the Hancock North Central Elementary Wendall Ladner Gymnasium were recently completed. New plastic laminate blue bleachers were installed with the initials HNCE embedded in red. This new seating has a capacity of 750 individuals, includes handrails, and can easily be opened and closed. The facility also received a fresh coat of paint, a drop-in insulated ceiling, and a central air conditioning and heating unit was installed. Following sanding and sealing of the original wood floor, Hancock High School art teacher Tim Shaw painted a hawk with vibrant blue and red colors in the court's center.

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Entertainment

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Five full hours of fun and discovery are coming this Saturday, April 21, when Earth Day 2001 commences at Gulf Islands National Seashore. Starting at 10 a.m., kids and adults can enjoy a free festival of games, exhibits, and outdoor programs.

Saturday's special guests include an American bald eagle, peregrine falcon, vulture, hawks and other birds of prey from the Southeastern Raptor Rehabilitation Center.

All exhibits and programs, including raptor flight demonstrations, are located in and around the William M. Colmer Visitor Center in Ocean Springs.

Sponsored by the National Park Service and the South Mississippi Environmental and Agricultural Coordination Organization (SMEACO), this year's Earth Day theme is "Keeping Wilderness Wild: Ours to Enjoy, Ours to Protect!"

Two dozen groups, ranging from Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to the U.S. Navy are planning exhibits, equipment displays and hands-on activities.

Susan Merrifield, park ranger and festival coordinator, says there's plenty of free parking, and this Saturday will be a great way to enjoy spring outdoors on the Mississippi coast.

"We have so much to enjoy and appreciate living here on the coast," says Merrifield. "Each year's festival is just a great way to have a good time and learn how we can better take care of our bayous, forests and barrier islands."

Some 2500 people annually attend the day's activities at Davis Bayou. Many bicycle into the park via the Ocean Springs bike trail. Merrifield suggests for non-bicyclists that taking Park Road from Highway 90 is the best way to find the festival grounds at the Colmer Visitor

Center.

After opening ceremonies by Boy Scout Troop 211, kids can join scavenger hunts, games and puppet shows. Along with the raptors from Auburn University, local wildlife rehabilitators will display animals treated for injuries and discuss why these creatures can no longer return to the wild.

As in years past, rangers will happily sign notes provided by teachers so that their students who attend may receive extra credit in class.

Special live music featuring popular local musicians, Tom Beavers and Kelly Thibault,

will be heard over the afternoon's activities at Davis Bayou.

Exhibitors include the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Wildlife Care and Rescue Center, Keesler AFB, Naval Station at Pascagoula, Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office.

Based in Alabama at Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine, the Southeastern Raptor Rehabilitation Center has developed into one of the nation's foremost centers dedicated to birds of prey.

More than 500 raptors are treated annually from an average of 21 species. Among the handlers working with birds of prey during this Saturday's program is Ocean Springs native Reagan Wilson.

A member of Ocean Spring's Class of '95 and now a vet student at Auburn, Reagan says many of the birds treated at SERRC suffer from trauma, collision with cars or aircraft and gunfire.

Her duties at the center include physical exams and recommending treatment. On the road, Wilson and other handlers work with non-releasable birds,

presenting programs throughout the Southeast on habitat destruction, endangered species and raptor issues.

"While my studies are wide ranging," Reagan comments, "I do like exotics ... birds are directly an interest." During her portion of Saturday's Earth Day programs, she'll bring out a peregrine falcon and an American Kestrel.

Speaking of the kestrel, the second year vet student marvels at the small bird's speed in flight. "Most people don't think about them as falcons. Most people don't realize how fast they are."

Two more special guests scheduled for the day are Ronald Wieland and David Gessner.

Wieland, who's with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks' Mississippi

Natural Heritage Program, will discuss coastal ecology and conservation needs.

Gessner, author of the recently published *Return of the Osprey: A Season of Flight and Wonder*, will tell tales gathered

during a full season observing the antics and tribulations of America's seahawks.

Native to rivers and islands including here in Mississippi, ospreys were hit hard decades ago by pesticides filtering into their environment.

Famous for huge nests, aerial acrobatics and high altitude power-dives, osprey have fortunately increased their numbers in recent times, allowing Gessner an opportunity to observe first hand an amazing creature living almost in his own back yard on the Atlantic coast. A book signing will follow his presentation.

Expecting a large attendance for the festival, Merrifield adds, "We're really thankful for all the community groups and individuals who are helping to make this a special event."

She points out the U.S. Navy as one example. About a dozen naval personnel now attending school at Keesler Air Force Base have volunteered to assist with activities through the day.

Other examples are the science teachers from Taconi Elementary School in Ocean Springs. They're giving cast net demonstrations at the park's fishing pier.

Puppet shows are being put on by local 4-H members, and the National Marine Fisheries Service in Pascagoula are returning with their popular "turtle hurdles" game for younger folks.

Merrifield suggests bringing a picnic lunch to really enjoy a spring day at the park. Picnic areas are south of the Visitor Center and elsewhere near the park's ball field.

Davis Bayou and the William M. Colmer Visitor Center are located on Highway 90 East in Ocean Springs.

For more information about Earth Day activities and program times, call 875-9057.

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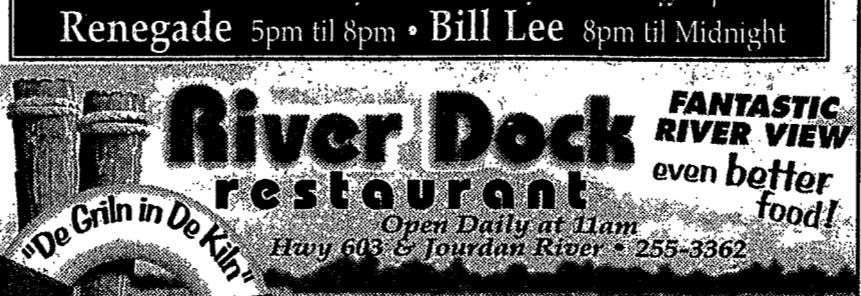
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Le Bal au Chocolat will be from 8 p.m. till midnight. Tickets will be \$50 per person. Attire is listed as "Dress to Impress." There will be a cash bar. For further information about attending this year's most delicious fund-raiser contact: Betty Magee at [228] 875-1055.

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